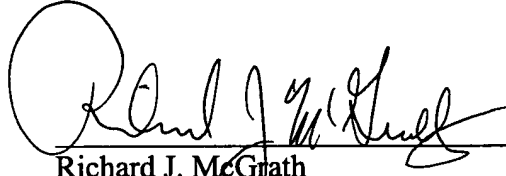


further reminded that, during the personal interview conducted on March 21, 2000, it was agreed the claim amendments made by the March 30 Amendment overcome the outstanding art rejections and place this application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, because agreement already has been reached, and based on the Examiner's current familiarity with this application, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to reconsider and allow the pending claims as soon as possible, and, in any event, within four (4) weeks of receiving this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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